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**Subject:** RE: Pebble status summary

Tami and Matt, thank you for getting this together so quickly! No, I don't know the meeting date, but it's likely for a meeting at a conference, since I was also asked for ID.

--Cindy

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Thanks Matt!

I was sent a request for bulleted hot topics for the Administrator's meeting with Gov. Dunleavy, they are due today but I am not aware of the timing of their meeting. Copying Cindy in the event she is aware.

Appreciate the quick response.

Tami

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**From:** Szlag, Matthew <Szlag.Matthew@epa.gov>  
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Hi Tami,

See the summary below for the Pebble status. Adding Cami for her awareness/review – (Cami – I pulled this from the current standard response in the correspondence plan with a few modifications). This is for the Administrator as I understand it.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for making a final permit decision on the Pebble Project pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 404. This decision includes determinations of compliance with the Corps permit regulations and the CWA Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. These Guidelines are used to evaluate proposed discharges of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States. EPA provided comments and input to the Corps under our Section 404

authorities during several meetings and in letters dated July 1, 2019, and most recently on May 28, 2020. EPA will continue working with the Corps throughout its review of this proposed project.

The Corps is also developing an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act, which is anticipated to be released for comment soon. The EIS evaluates impacts of the proposed project and supports the CWA Section 404 permitting decision. EPA has participated in the NEPA process as a cooperating agency for several years. EPA submitted comments on the Draft EIS in a letter dated July 1, 2019, and continues to review documents developed during the NEPA process.

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